3701-17-07 Qualifications and health of personnel.

...(G) The individual required by paragraph (A) of rule 3701-17-09 of the Administrative Code to direct the activities program shall meet one of the following qualifications:

(1) Has two years of experience in a social or recreational program within five years preceding the date of hire, one year of which was full-time in a resident activities program in a health care setting;

(2) Is licensed as an occupational therapist under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

(3) Is licensed as an occupational therapy assistant under Chapter 4755. of the Revised Code;

(4) Is certified by a nationally recognized accrediting body as a therapeutic recreation specialist or activities professional; or

(5) Has successfully completed training covering activities programming from a technical or vocational school, college, university, or other educational institution, and has one year of experience in recreational or activities services. Commencing one hundred and eighty days after the effective date of this rule, the minimum amount of training needed to meet this requirement shall be ninety hours.

3701-17-09 Activities; social services; chaplain services; visiting hours; telephone service; pets; mail.

(A) Each nursing home shall employ a full-time or full-time equivalent individual who meets the qualifications specified in paragraph (G) of rule 3701-17-07 of the Administrative Code to direct the activities program, and sufficient assistants to meet residents’ activity needs. All nursing homes shall provide an ongoing activity program which shall be designed to meet the physical, mental, emotional, psycho-social well-being and personal interests of each resident. The program shall reflect an activities schedule that involves day time, week end, evening, and community involvement programs to meet the identified needs of each resident based on their comprehensive assessment and care plan required by rules 3701-17-10 and 3701-17-14 of the Administrative Code, respectively. Based on the residents’ changes in abilities, physical and mental status, timely adjustments in programming shall be made to meet the residents’ needs at all times.

3701-17-21 Dining and recreation rooms; utility rooms; toilet rooms.

(A) Every building occupied as a nursing home on December 22, 1964 shall have not less than one room or suitable area which shall be used for no other purposes than dining and recreation by the residents. Such room or area shall be so located and of such size as to
meet the needs of the residents and shall not be used for adult day care participants unless the home meets the square footage requirements of paragraph (B) of this rule.

(B) Every building erected or converted to use as a nursing home after December 22, 1964, and before the effective date of paragraph (C) of this rule, shall have a room or suitable area which shall be used for no other purposes than dining and recreation. The dining and recreation room or area shall have a minimum total area of:

(1) Twenty-five square feet per resident for seventy-five per cent of the total number of residents; and

(2) If the nursing home provides an adult day care program on the same site as the home and shares the dining and recreation room or area with the day care participants, twenty-five square feet per participant for seventy-five per cent of the total number of participants.

(C) Every building erected or converted to use as a nursing home after the two hundred and seventieth day subsequent to the effective date of this rule shall have a room or suitable area which shall be used for dining purposes and a separate room or suitable area which shall be used for recreational purposes. Each room or area shall have a minimum total area of:

(1) Twenty-five square feet per resident for the total number of residents; and

(2) If the nursing home provides an adult day care program on the same site as the home and shares the dining or recreation room or area with the day care participants, twenty-five square feet per participant for the total number of participants.

A nursing home may use the dining room or area for recreational purposes when the room or area is not being used for dining.